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Re: Wolf Creek Boatworks

Dear Keri,

I am writing to you on behalf of Alaska Association for Historic Preservation, Inc. in support of Wolf Creek Boatworks located within the Hollis Parcel. Our organization was contacted by Mr. Sam Romey, owner of the property, asking for assistance in protecting his property.

In reviewing the situation, AAHP feels that it is important that Wolf Creek Boatworks be allowed to remain intact. Mr. Romey has offered two different scenarios that would be a win-win for the Alaska Mental Health Trust Land Office and the Wolf Creek Boatworks. He has offered to trade land that he personally owns in exchange for the property on which the boatworks is sited. He has also offered to purchase the property outright.

Since the trust has indicated it plans to log the land nearby, Mr. Romey's offer of trading or purchasing the property would not take away from the funds that the trust is set to generate. AAHP does believe that Mr. Romey's offer is not unreasonable nor would create an adverse situation for the trust.

We are inquiring why the Wolf Creek Boatworks wasn't grandfathered in when the land was set up for the Alaska Mental Health Trust Land Office. Was there a 106 hearing on the property so that an easement could be created?

The board of AAHP fully supports Mr. Romey in his quest to retain ownership of Wolf Creek Boat Works for its historic value as well as the important services that the business offers to local residents. Wolf Creek Boatworks is an important part of Southeast Alaska history that has continued to operate for many years by the same family.

I will be attending the hearing on Wednesday, April 8th to further support the Wolf Creek Boatworks quest to remain intact.

Best Regards,

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